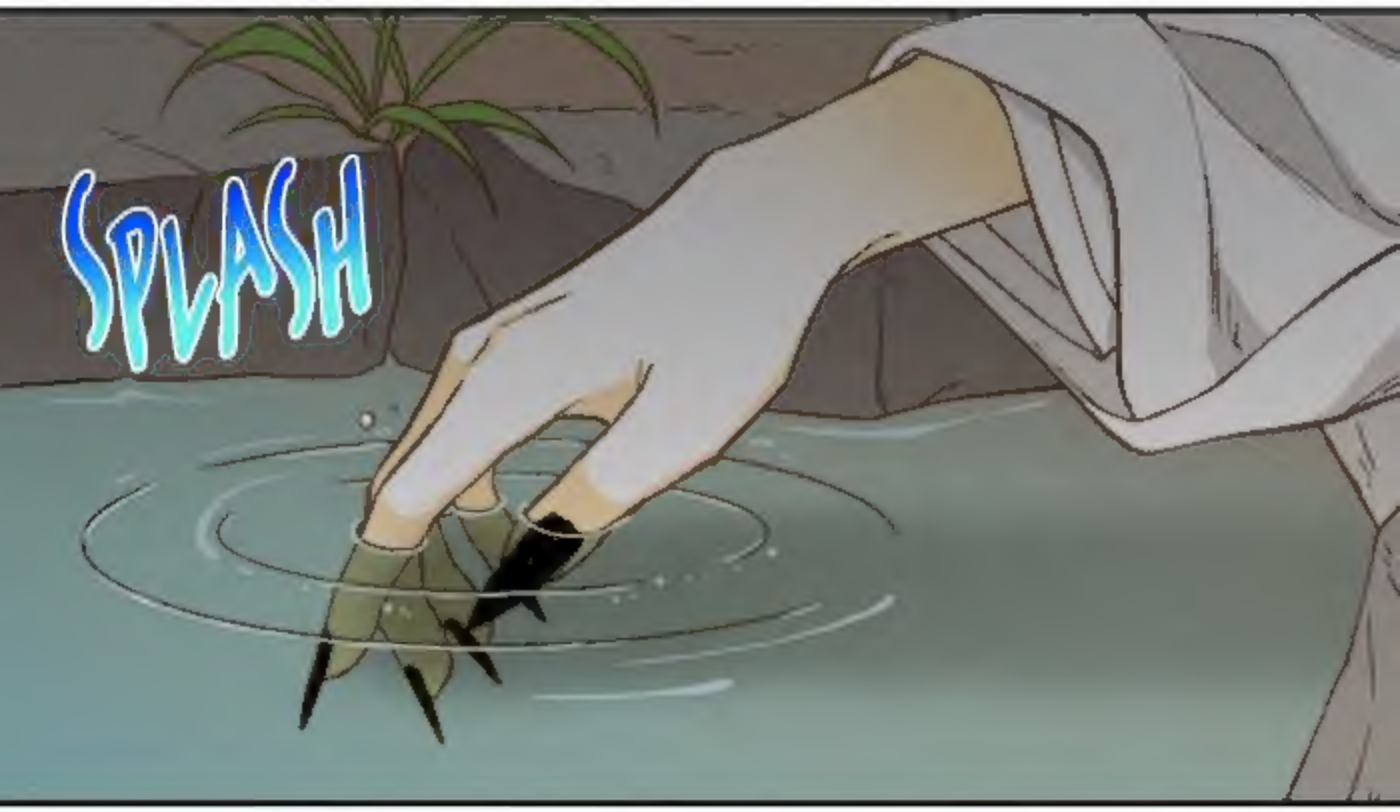
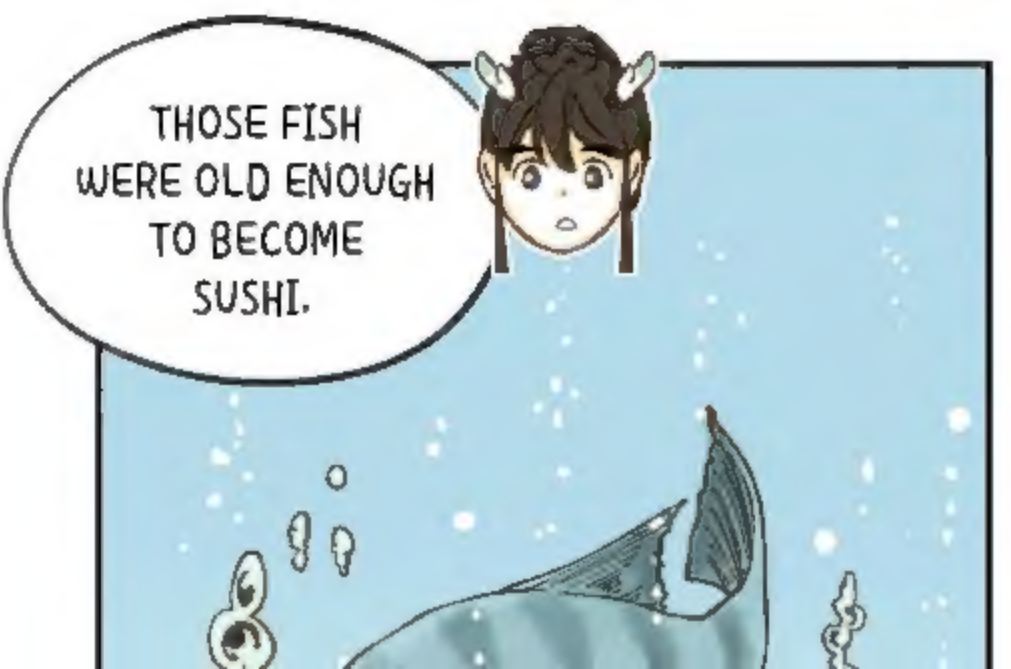

SPLASH

SWIM

AHAHA,
THAT TICKLES!
WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?
DO YOU THINK
THEY'LL LISTEN
TO YOU?

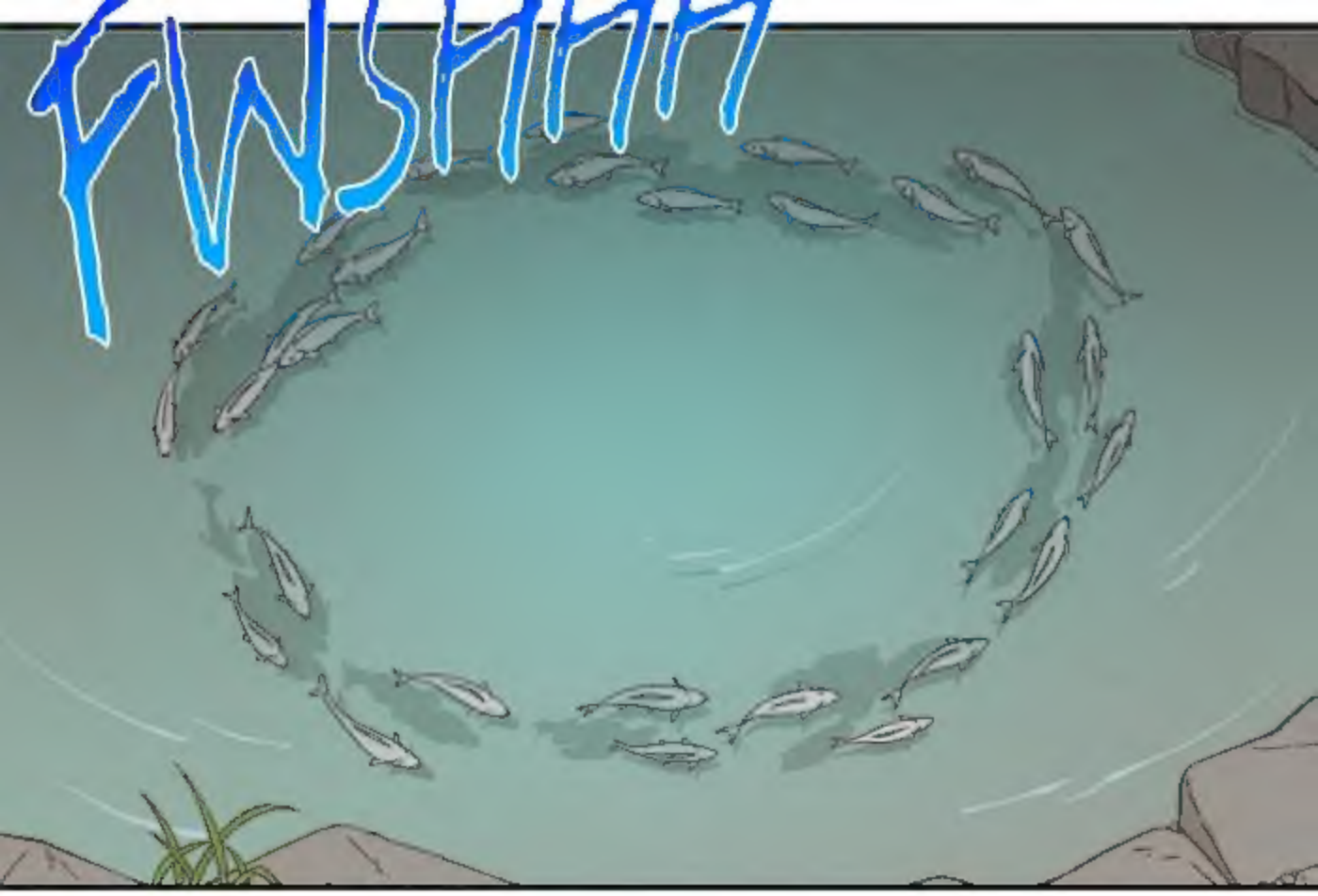
AH...
THEY'RE SO YOUNG,
I DON'T THINK WE'LL BE ABLE
TO HAVE AN ACTUAL
CONVERSATION...
WHAT...?
BUT
YOU TALKED TO
THOSE FISH IN FRONT
OF THAT SUSHI
RESTAURANT!


THOSE FISH
WERE OLD ENOUGH
TO BECOME
SUSHI.

...
SO IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THESE FISH WILL TAKE YOUR SIDE OR NOT, SINCE THEY CAN'T TALK TO YOU.
I THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER A LITTLE BIT.
HMM... FOR EXAMPLE...

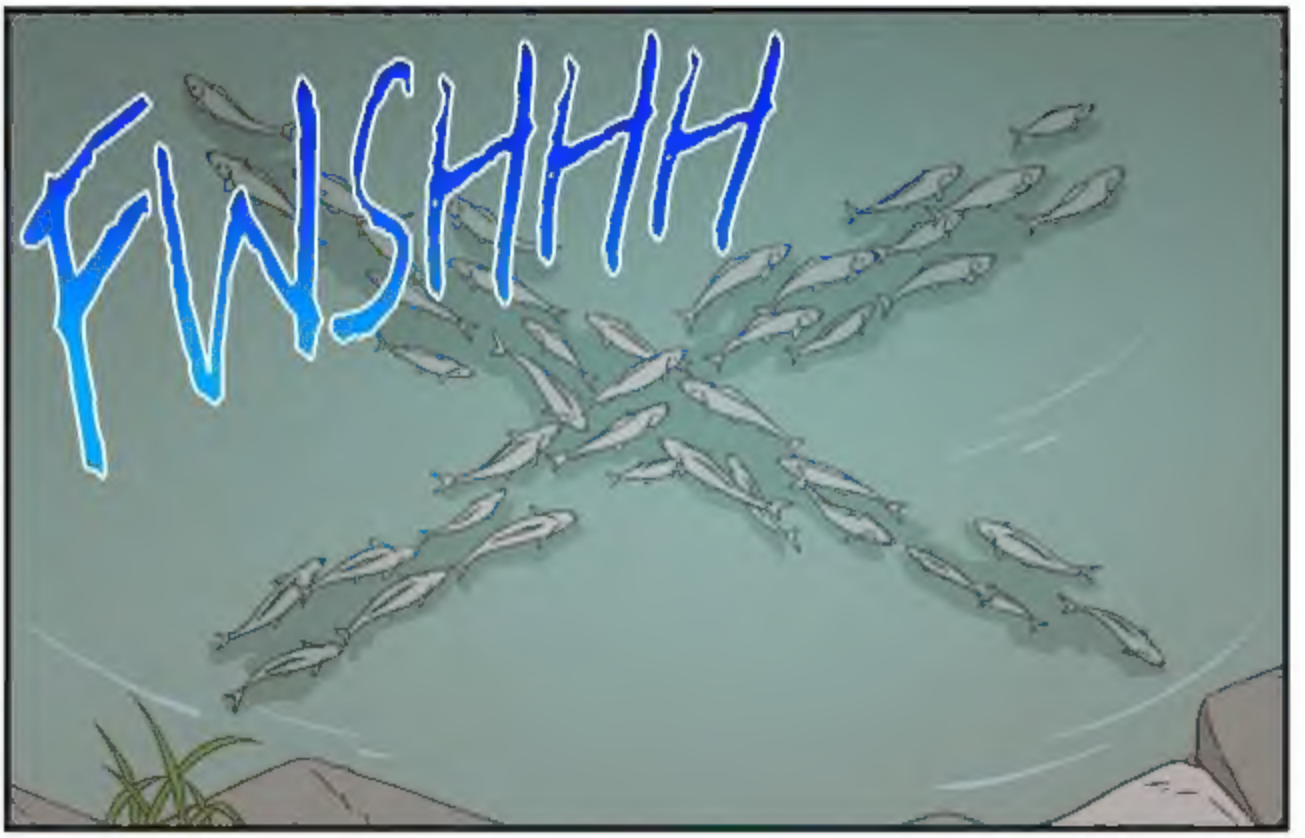
I'M BARI,
AND I'M AN IMOOGI
FROM MOUNT
BAEKUN.
WILL YOU
ANSWER SOME OF
MY QUESTIONS?

BUBBLE


FWSHHH

wow...

THEY'RE SAYING THEY'LL HELP US!
OH...! OKAY! I JUST HAVE TO ASK QUESTIONS, RIGHT?
THEN...
IS THE NAKDONG RIVER ORB AROUND HERE?
STARTLE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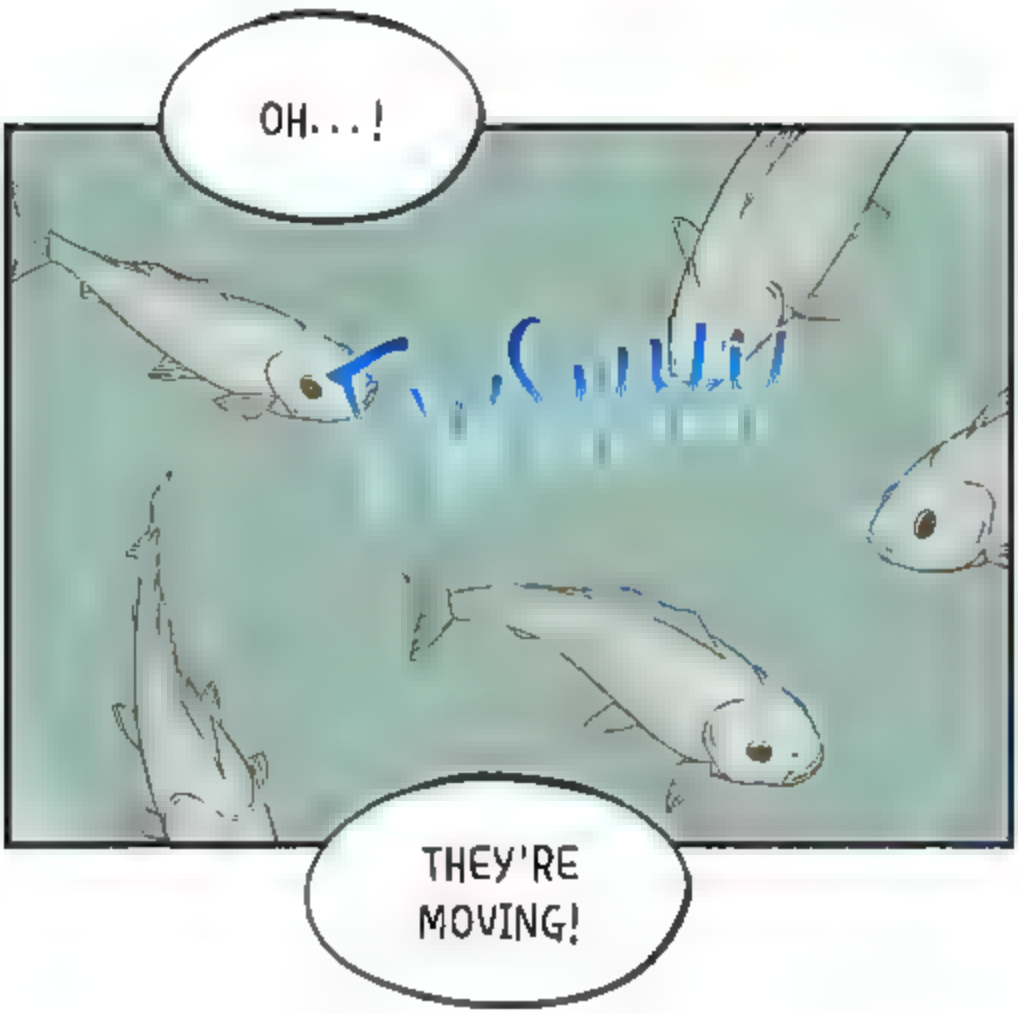
IT'S NOT?
UM... DID THE MOUNTAIN SPIRIT OF MOUNT TAEBAEK TAKE IT?

HUH? WHY AREN'T THEY MOVING?
THAT MUST BE A QUESTION THEY CAN'T ANSWER.
SIGH... IS IT BECAUSE I MENTIONED THE MOUNTAIN SPIRIT DIRECTLY?
I GUESS THAT WOULD MAKE THEM NERVOUS

...
WHERE IS THE NAKDONG RIVER DRAGON'S ORB?

PAUSE

HUH?
THEY STOPPED?


OH...!
THEY'RE MOVING!

...!

WHAT...

...DOES THIS MEAN...?

HOW TO BECOME

A DRAGON

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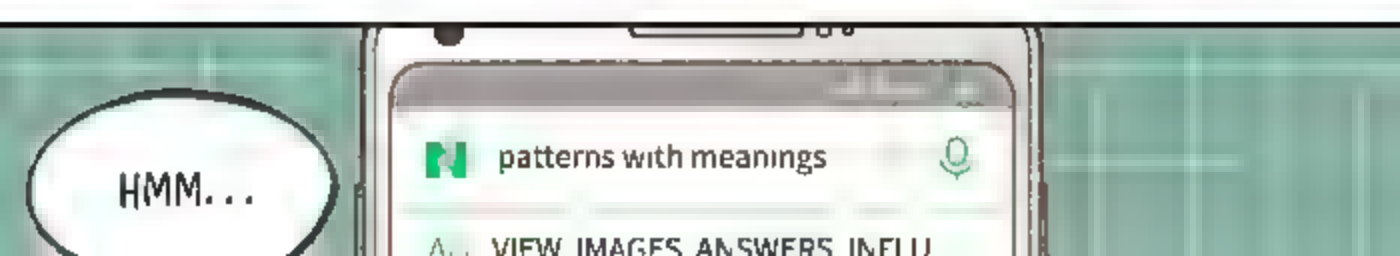
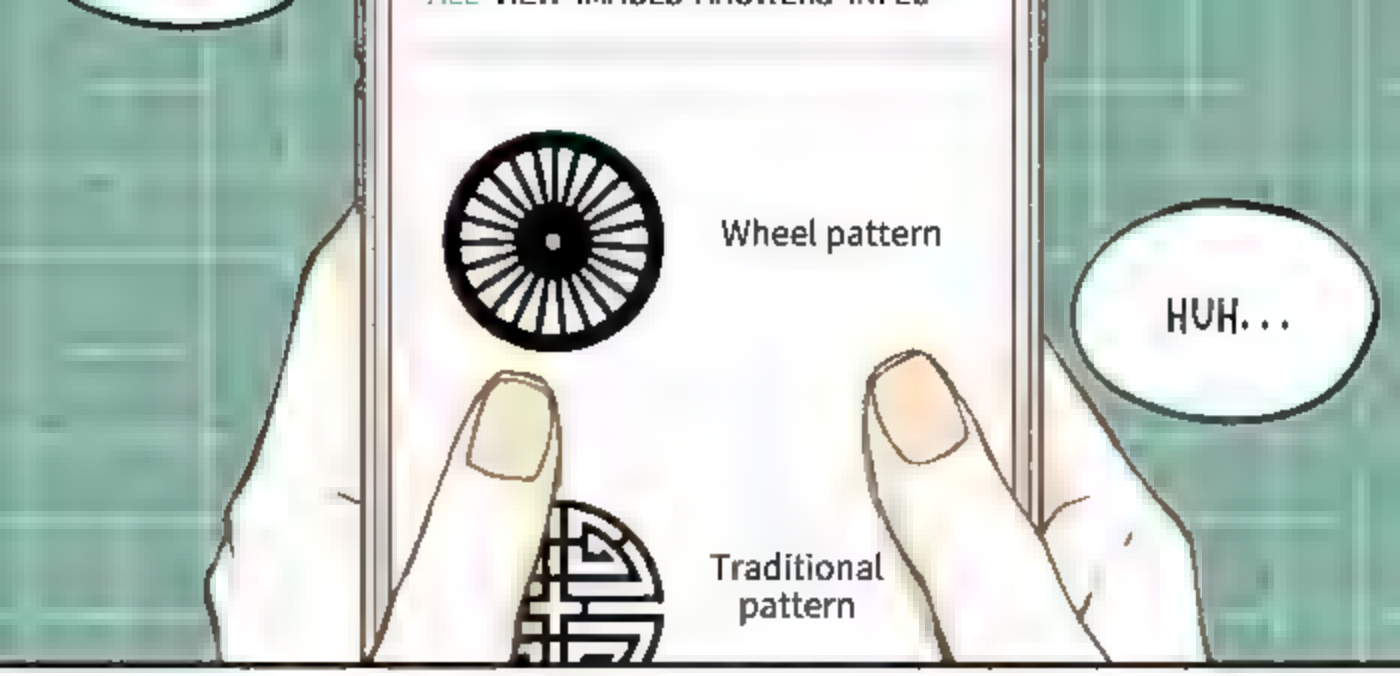
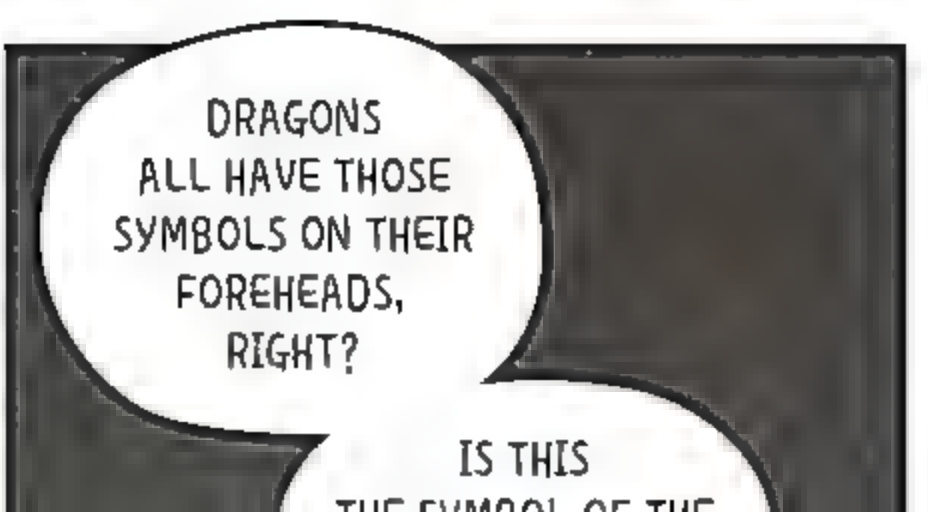



Wheel pattern
HUH...
Traditional pattern

WHAT COULD THIS BE...?
IS THERE SOME KIND OF MYSTICAL MEANING THAT'S CONNECTED TO THE MOUNTAIN?
TOTEMISM?

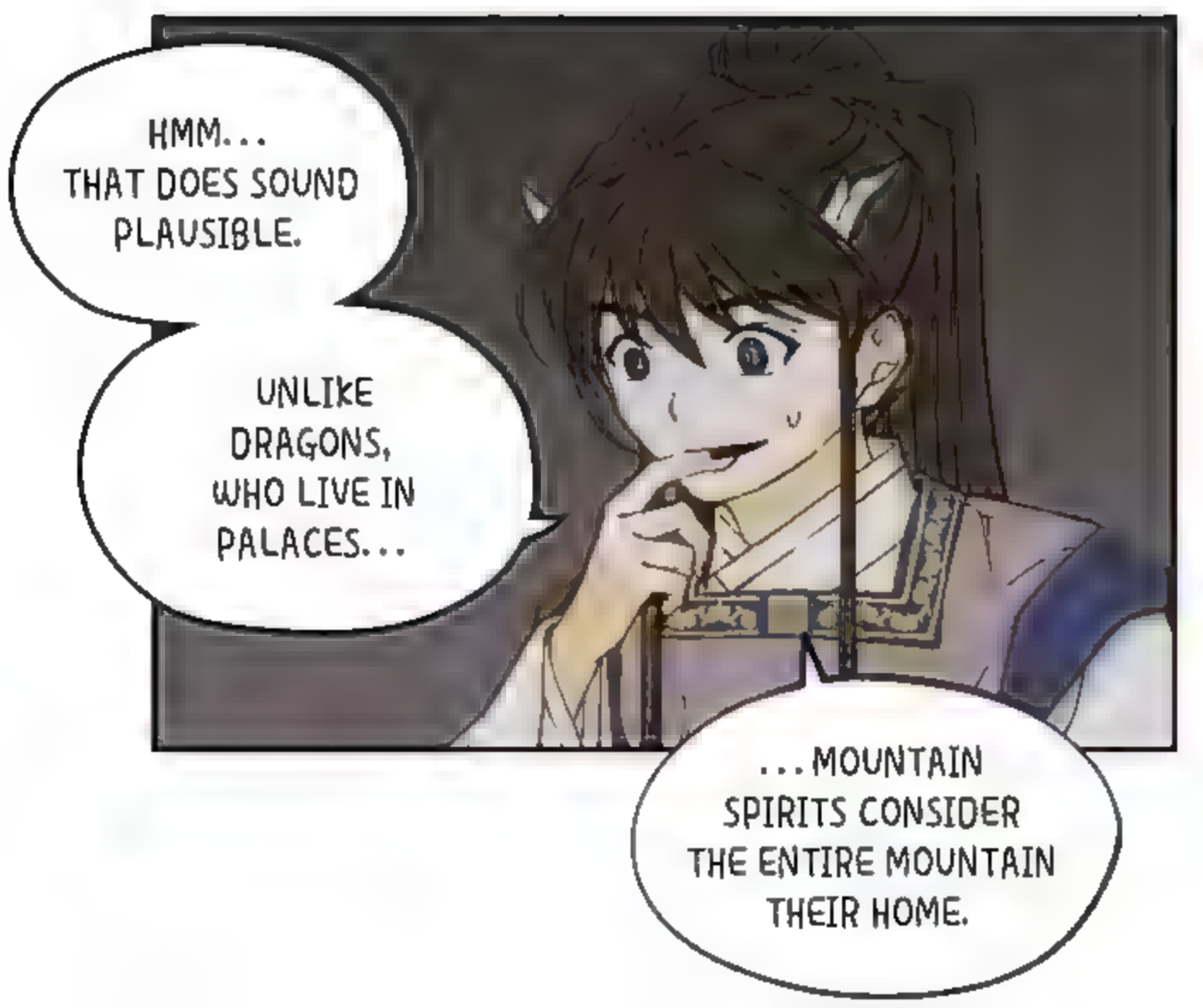
ANIMISM?

...!
IT DOES KIND OF RESEMBLE A LOTUS...
STOP. NO, IT DOESN'T.
I'M SO TIRED OF THIS

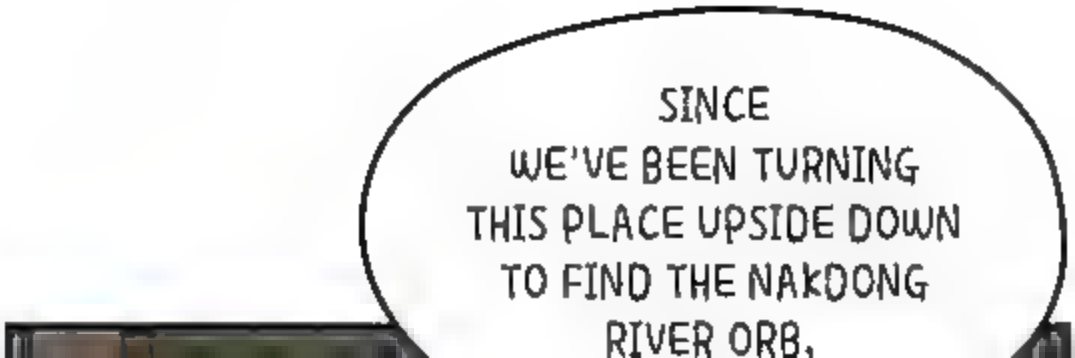

DRAGONS ALL HAVE THOSE SYMBOLS ON THEIR FOREHEADS, RIGHT?
IS THIS

THE SYMBOL OF THE TAEBAEK MOUNTAIN SPIRIT?

MAYBE HE HID THE ORB AND PUT HIS OWN SYMBOL ON THE HIDING PLACE.


HMM... THAT DOES SOUND PLAUSIBLE.
UNLIKE DRAGONS, WHO LIVE IN PALACES...
...MOUNTAIN SPIRITS CONSIDER THE ENTIRE MOUNTAIN THEIR HOME.

IF THERE WAS ANY SPECIFIC PLACE THAT THE TAEBAEK MOUNTAIN SPIRIT RESIDED IN FOR A LONG TIME OR CONSIDERED MEANINGFUL,
MAYBE HE PUT HIS SYMBOL ON IT...
BUT HOW WOULD WE FIND ALL OF THOSE SYMBOLS?


SINCE WE'VE BEEN TURNING THIS PLACE UPSIDE DOWN TO FIND THE NAKDONG RIVER ORB,

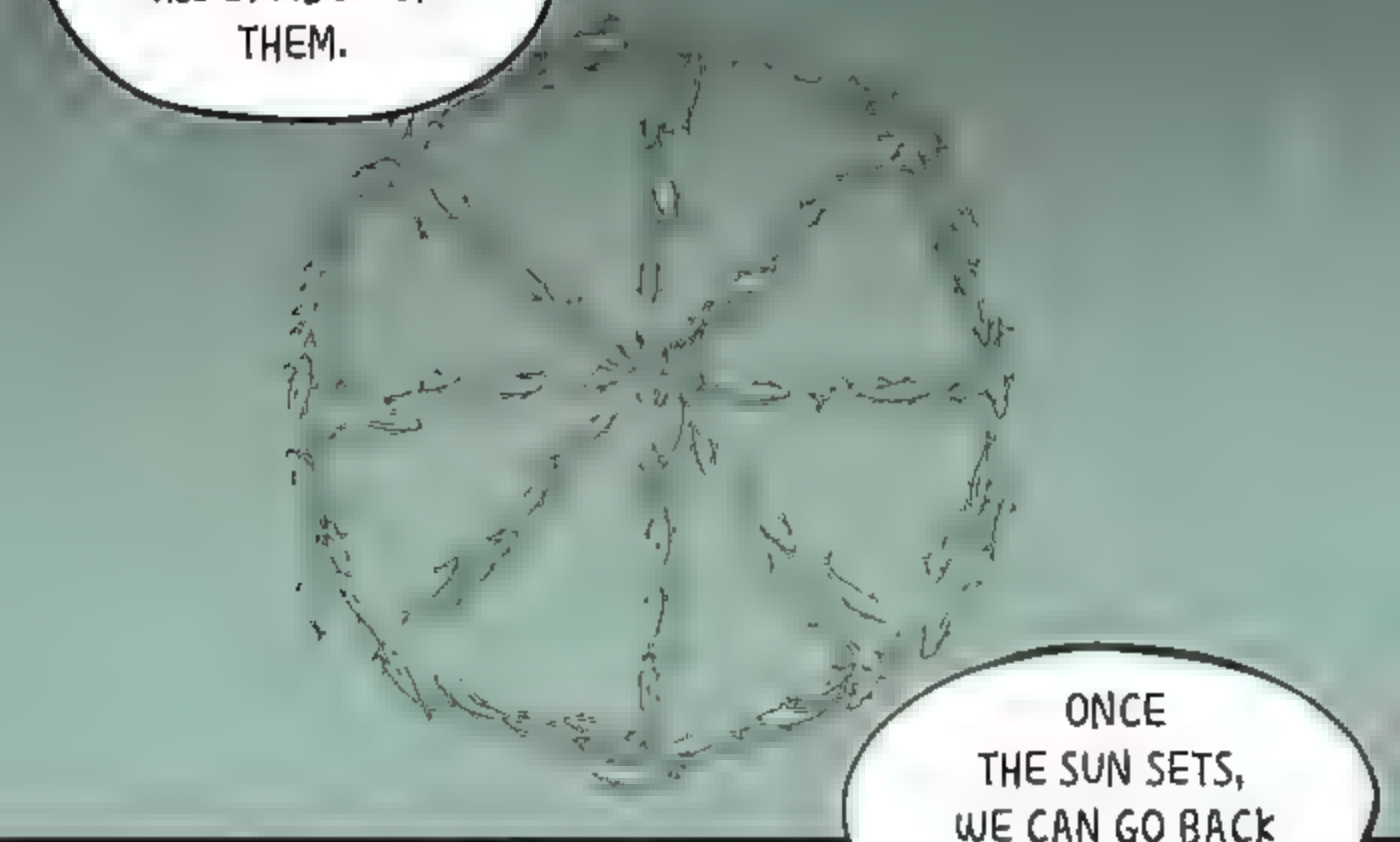
I'M SURE THE MOUNTAIN SPIRIT IS FEELING EITHER ANXIOUS OR FEELING NOSTALGIC.
EITHER WAY, HE'LL DEFINITELY GO BACK TO CHECK ON THE ORB, WHEREVER HE HID IT.

LET'S USE YOUR WATER DROPLETS TO FIND THE MOUNTAIN SPIRIT...

...AND THEN TAIL HIM.

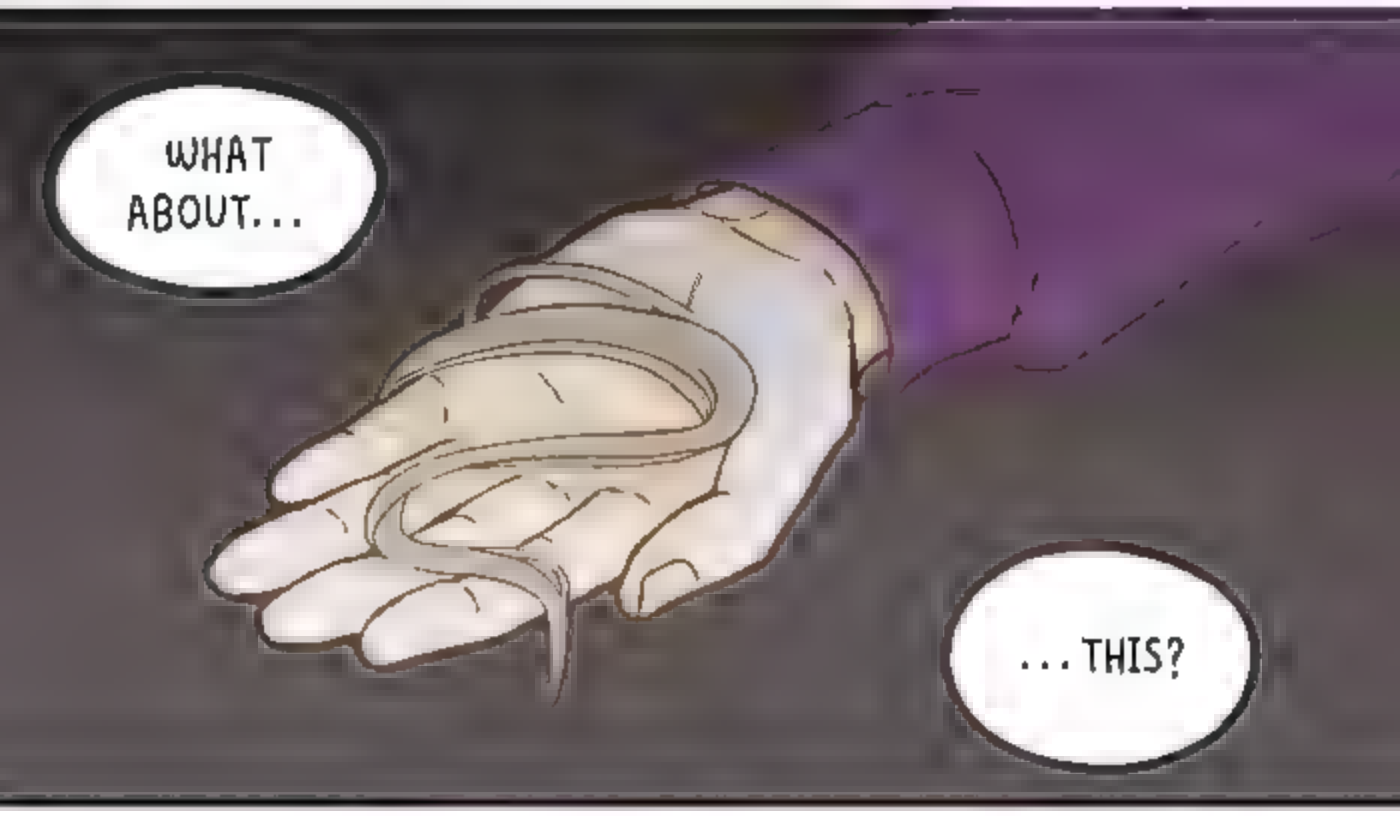
AFTER WE TAKE NOTE OF WHERE HE GOES,

WE'LL FIGURE OUT WHICH SPOTS HAVE HIS SYMBOL ON THEM.



ONCE THE SUN SETS, WE CAN GO BACK AND CHECK.

AH...
BUT THE THING IS, I NEED TO HAVE SPENT LOTS OF TIME WITH SOMEONE TO BE ABLE TO TRACK THEM...
RUMMAGE
...BUT WE ONLY SAW THE MOUNTAIN SPIRIT BRIEFLY...


WHAT ABOUT...
...THIS?

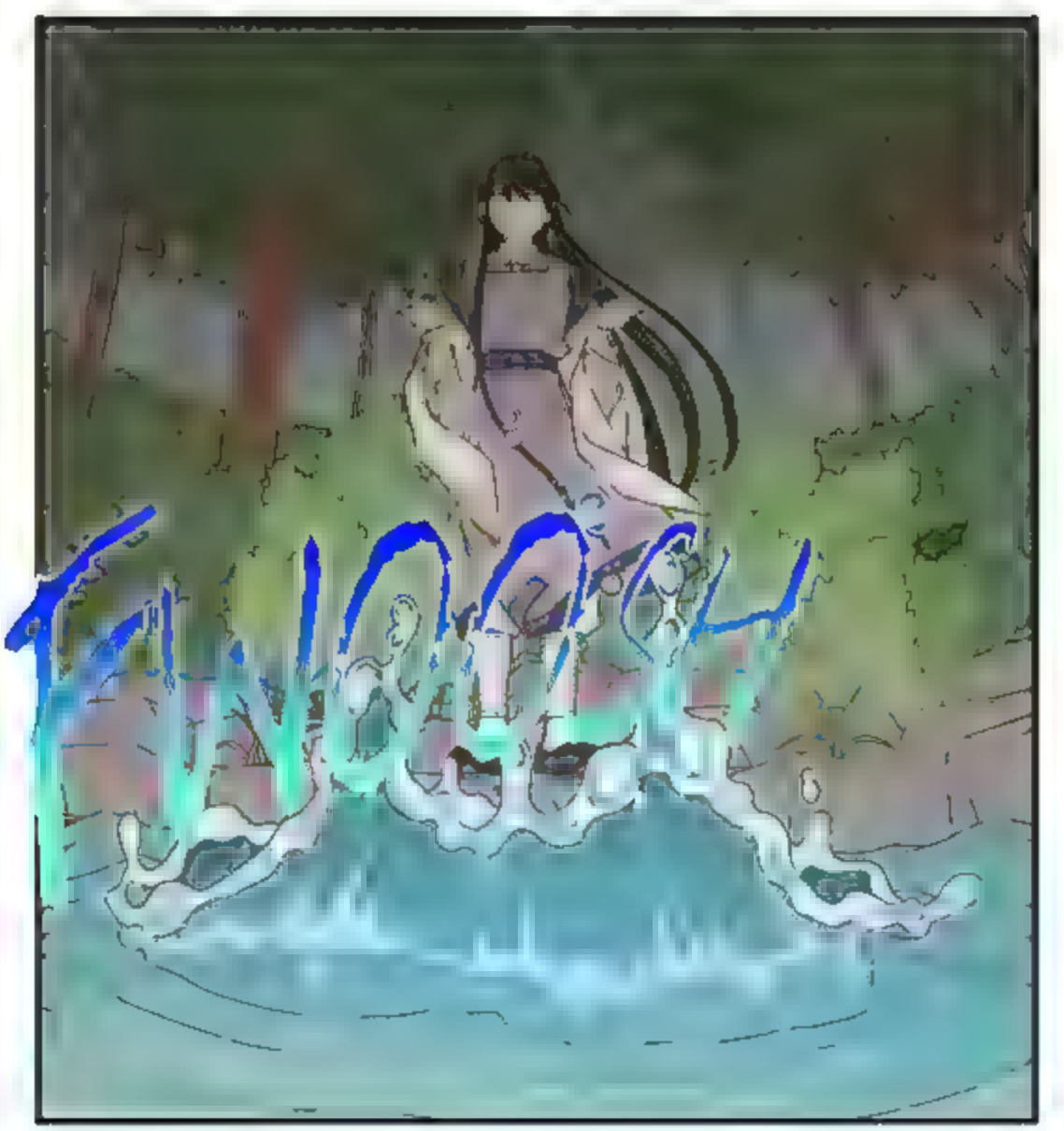
WHAT IS THIS?
THREAD...?

...!
STARTLE
IS THIS...

...THE MOUNTAIN SPIRIT'S HAIR...?

YUP.
I HAD A HANDFUL OF IT IN MY FIST.
SHAKING HIM AROUND LIKE THAT PAID OFF
IF YOU HAVE THIS...
...YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TRACK HIM, RIGHT?

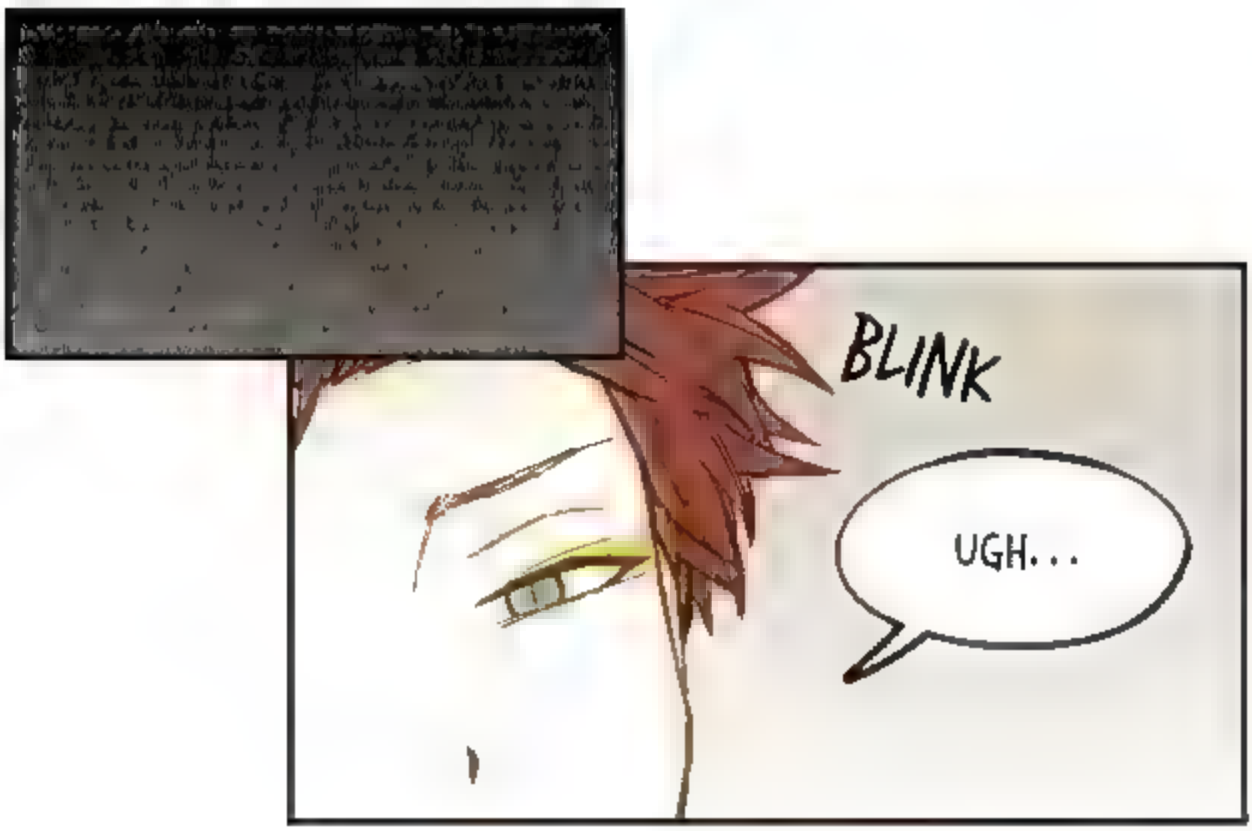
YEAH...!
NOD
I'LL TRY!


FLOOD

BUBBLE
BUBBLE

TWINKLE

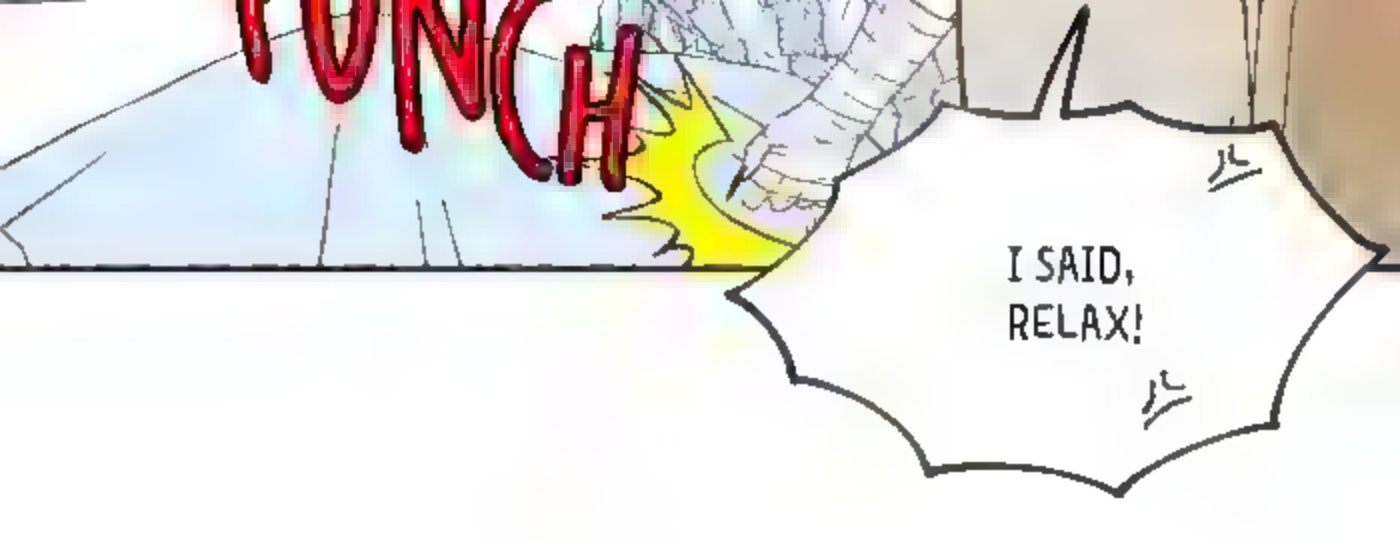
WOW...
HE
SURE GOT FAR
AWAY.


BLINK
UGH...

!
OH,
YOU'RE AWAKE?
SPRING

W-WHAT'S ALL THIS?
WHERE ARE WE?
WE'RE IN A HOSPITAL, CALM DOWN.

PRETTY TORN UP, BUT THE DOCTORS SAID YOUR BONES ARE FINE.
YOU JUST NEED TO RELAX FOR A WHILE...
...
ACHE
THAT ASSHOLE!


PUNCH
I SAID, RELAX!

THAT ABSOLUTE PRICK DOESN'T CARE ABOUT ANYTHING, INCLUDING THE CONTRACT.
THEY'RE THE ONE WHO GAVE UP ON THE EXAM, SO WHY HURT US NOW?
W-WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

THAT JERKFACE, YEONGNO! WHO ELSE?
WANNA MESS WITH ME, YEONGNO? SAY GOODBYE TO YOUR HAND...
...

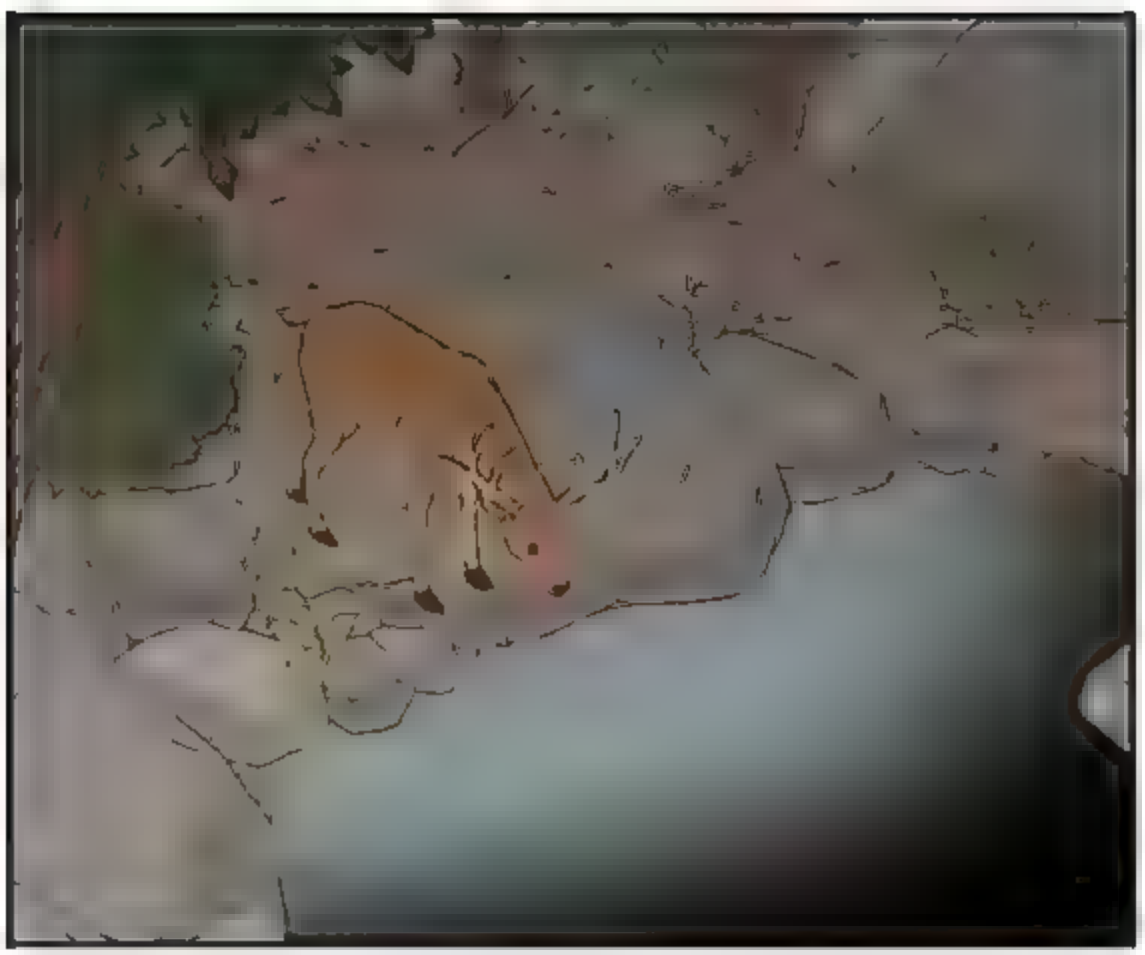
YEONGNO?
MESSING WITH YOU?
WHY...?
PAT

WHY...
WAS THE ATTACK SO WEAK?
WHAT?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF SCHEME IS BEING COOKED UP...
...BUT THOSE CLOUDS WERE DEFINITELY

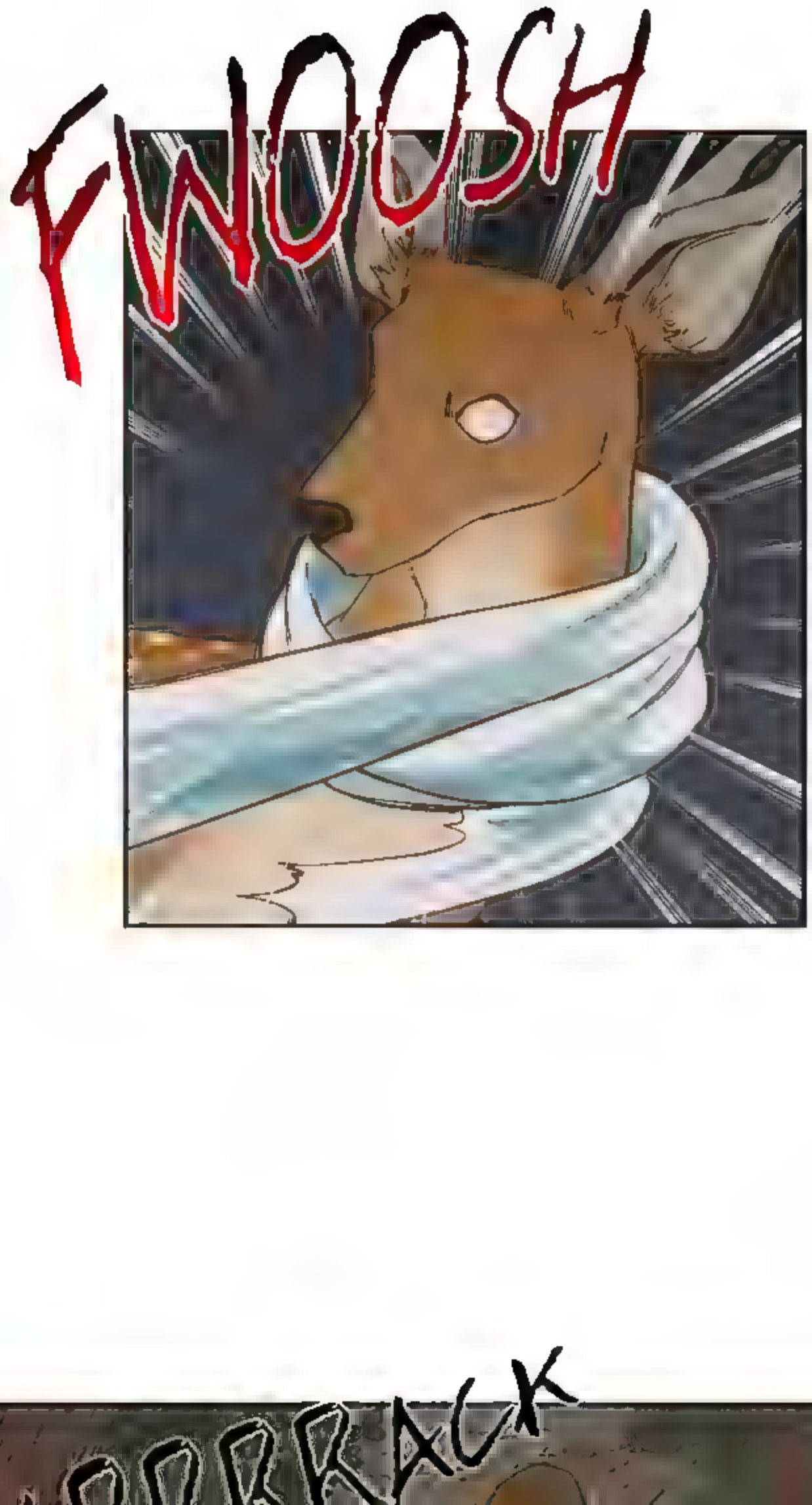
THE ATTACK WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO KILL ME OR BREAK MY LEGS...

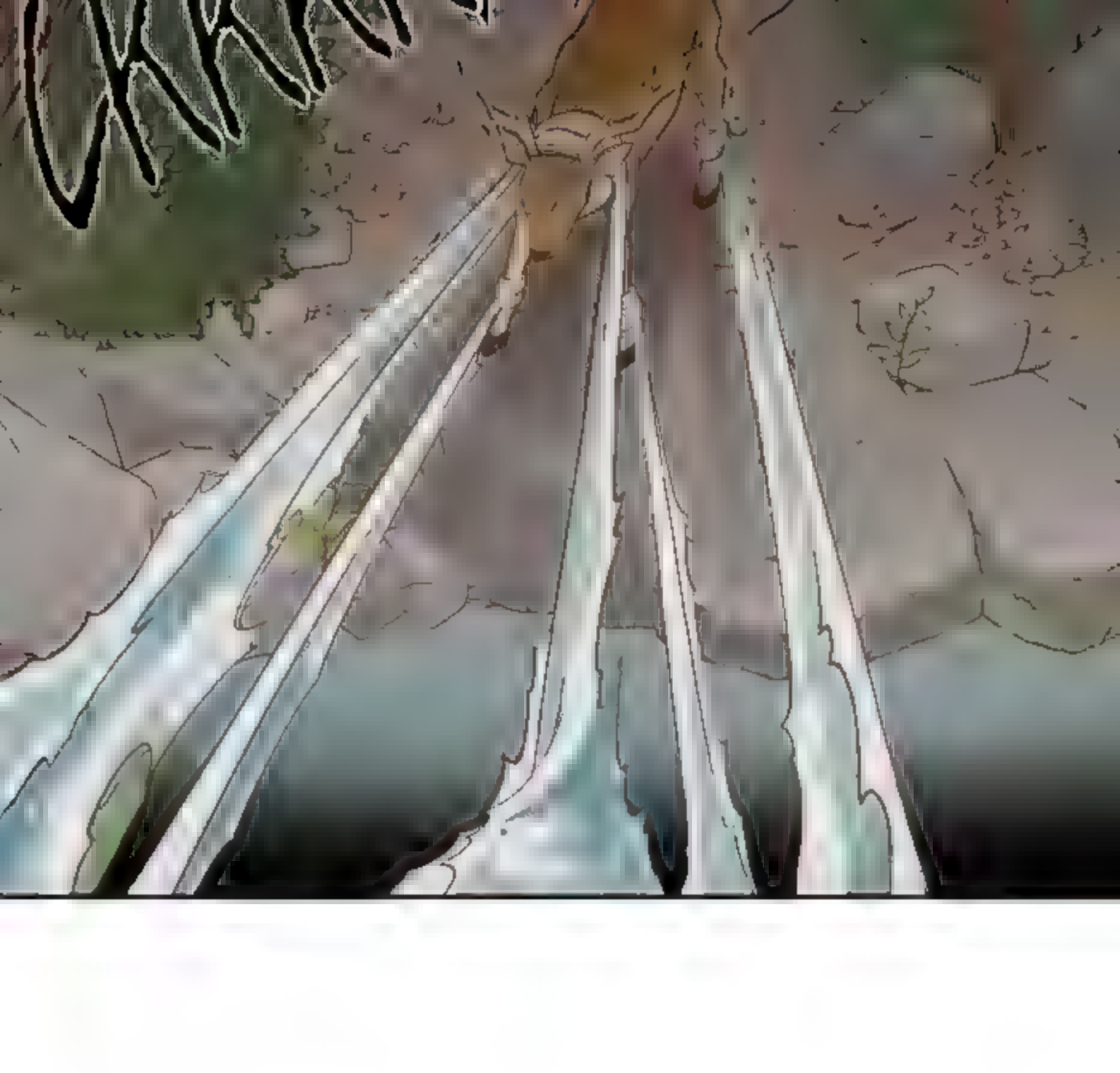
WHY...?
STEP



FREEZE

FWOOSH


FWOOSH
CRRACK



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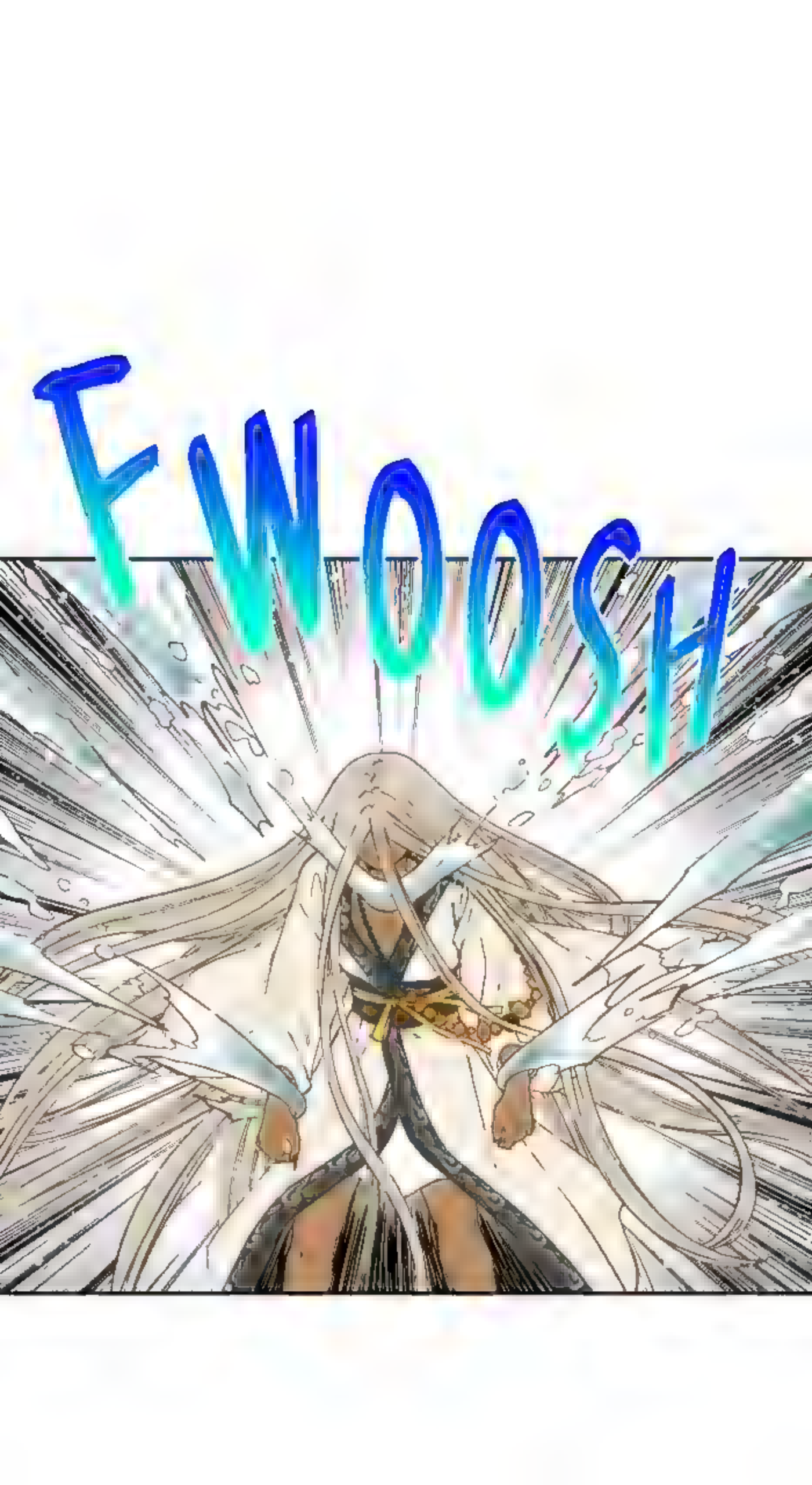
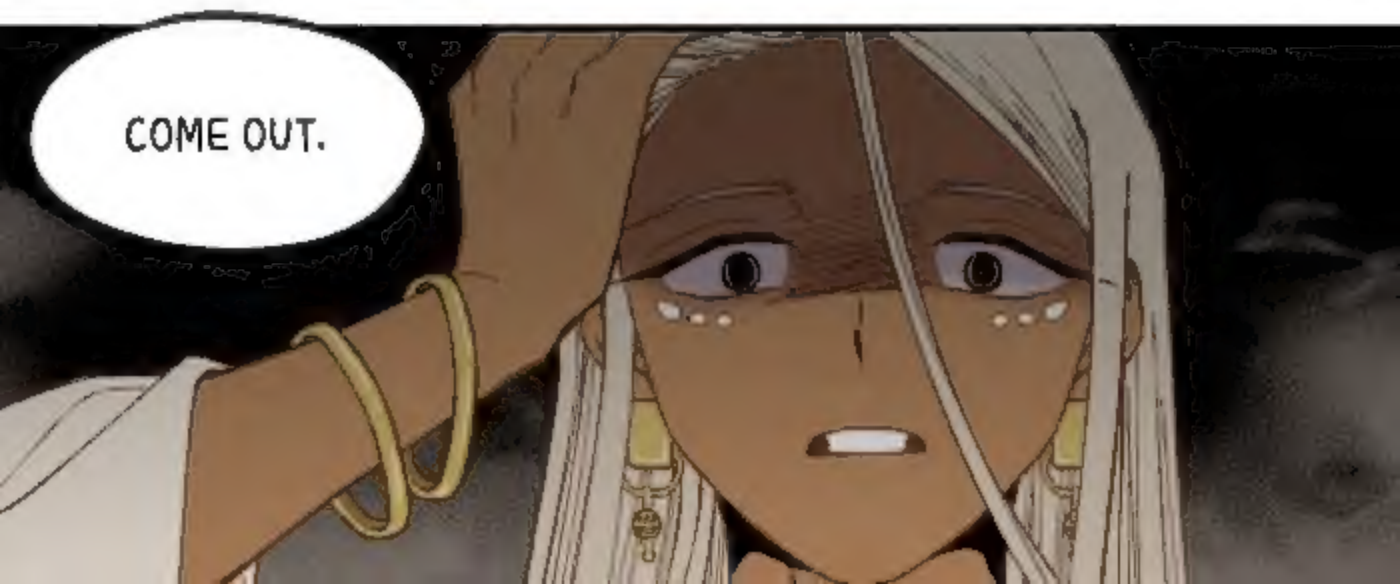
UNBELIEVABLE.


FWOOSH

YOU'RE QUITE GOOD AT HIDING YOUR PRESENCE...
DRIP
...BUT I CAN'T TELL IF YOU'RE JUST NOT VERY BRIGHT OR IF YOU'RE ARROGANT...

I'D AT LEAST THINK YOU WERE CUTE IF YOU BOWED

BEFORE ME LIKE THE OTHER ONE...
STEP
STEP


COME OUT.

WHY DON'T YOU LET ME...
SINK
...GET A LOOK AT THAT FACE OF YOURS.